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**There will be a short memorial service on Sunday, September 11 at 8:45am at the Brooklyn Fire Station to honor the men and women of the safety forces who gave their lives that day. All are welcome to attend.**

## Grand Re-Opening of McDonald's on Brookpark Road

The Grand re-opening of the Brookpark Road McDonald's took place on August 10th. The restaurant will be a state-of the art, environmentally friendly restaurant featuring low-energy LED recessed lighting, numerous windows and all new energy star rated equipment. The restaurant has been designed to offer its customers more convenience, faster ser-

vice, and high quality food. Owners Dave and Terrie Stiles are offering the citizens and business owners in the area hope towards a more prosperous future. Because of their belief in Brooklyn, they have made a financial investment to rebuild the McDonald's which will offer more jobs and beautify the city. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!



Mayor Albier along with owners Dave and Terrie Stiles and Tom Ockington cut the ribbon at the grand re-opening.

## Labor Day—Monday, September 5

City Buildings including the Recreation Center will be closed on Mon-

day, September 5, 2011 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

**Reminder—Garbage pick-up will be one day late!!!**

Council's Corner—Kathleen Pucci, Council President



On July 18, 2011 City Council held a Special Meeting to address various items including the submission to the voters of the amendments to our city Charter. The Charter Review Commission made five recommendations for changes to our Charter. **1. Organization:** Clarification that the Presi-

dent of Council shall appoint the members of three Standing Committees of Council. **2. General Provisions:** Adding the Building Department to the list of city departments included in the Charter. **3. Director of Finance:** Removing the requirement that the Director of Finance also serve as the Clerk of Council, as Secretary to the Planning Commission, and as Secretary to the Civil Service Commission. **4. Duties of the Building to the Charter.** **5. Terminology and**

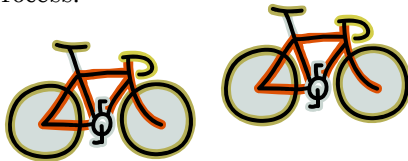
**Definitions of the Charter:** Specifying that references in the Charter to confirmation, approval, and votes taken by Council shall mean a majority of all members of Council, and in the case of a two-thirds vote requirement, this shall require two-thirds of all members of Council. **These issues will appear on the ballot for the November 8, 2011 General Election. More detailed information regarding these amendments will be communicated prior to the election.**

Safe Routes to School

The Brooklyn Safe Routes to School (SRTS) coalition has been meeting since August 2009. The team, comprised of representatives from the City, School and County Board of Health, spent a year and a half analyzing the current walking and biking climate for students at Brookridge and Brooklyn Middle Schools. Based on parent and community input, along with recommendations from a traffic

engineer, the SRTS coalition created a long-term action plan to address concerns. The team applied for, and received, \$71,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation to implement portions of the SRTS plan during the 2011-2012 school year which will include: Expanding the Brooklyn Police Department Bike Patrol. Purchase updated equipment for both crossing guards and student safety patrol at

Brookridge. **Host a Bike Rodeo—Sunday, October 2, 2011 from 1:00pm-4:00pm at Brooklyn High School.** Learn how to ride your bike safely. There will be classroom sessions, bicycle sessions and a skills course. **Giveaways will include a BIKE!** Walk to School week activities October 3rd-7th. Creating walking maps, which will highlight the newly designated safe routes in the City of Brooklyn. The maps will be 3x5 cards and will be distributed throughout the community to make people aware of the SRTS project and also promote the benefits of walking and biking in the community. The coalition would also like to open up the opportunity to those students who may not have the right gear to walk or bike to and from school. Families at Brookridge will be eligible to receive shoes and or bicycle equipment through an application process.



Brooklyn Historical Society—Shunpike Shoppe

The Brooklyn Historical Society will host their annual “Shunpike Shoppe” sale at the museum, 4442 Ridge Road on Saturday, September 24 from 10:00am—3:00pm and Sunday, September 25 from noon until 3:00pm, the day of the quilt raffle drawing. Featured will be their hand-quilted “Iris Garden” hand-appliquéd quilt in warm jewel tones. Other items include herb and specialty breads, homemade bakery, Amish jellies,

hand-loomed rugs, microwave potato bakers, potholder towels, knitted and fabric scarves, cloth purses, gift bags, and reusable shopping bags, hemp necklaces, costume jewelry, houseplants, perennials, lavender and catnip bags, fresh parsley and lots of white elephant gifts. Quilting and rug loom demonstrations will be ongoing, museum tours during sale. For more info please contact Barb Stepic at 216-941-0160.

## Silver Sneakers Fitness Program offered for those 65 and older



The Brooklyn Recreation Center will be offering the Silver Sneakers Fitness Program for adults 65 and older. Silver Sneakers Fitness Program, a

product of Healthways, is the nation's leading exercise program designed exclusively for older adults.

To see if your health plan may include Silver Sneakers visit the website [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com) for more information or call 1-888-423-4632 (hearing-impaired members call the National Relay Service: 711) Monday through Friday 8am to 8pm to

speak with a customer service representative. Certain Medicare health plans are eligible.

Silver Sneakers offers basic fitness membership with access to amenities. Use of any participating Silver Sneakers location. Optional Silver Sneakers classes led by certified instructors. Health education seminars and fun social events!

## Learn to Skate/Swim Registration for September

Learn to Skate Registration Dates for the 2011 Season will be Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 12:00-2:00pm. The program will be eight weeks with half hour lessons. Residents are \$25.00 plus \$12.00 USFS Fee, total \$37.00. The Parma Heights Partnership is \$32.50 plus a \$12.00 USFS Fee, total \$44.50. Non-Resident is \$40.00 plus a

\$12.00 USFS Fee total, \$52.00. The USFS Fee of \$12.00 is a one time charge for September 1, 2011—August 31, 2012. Skaters who register for the LTS class will receive a ticket for free admission to the Public Session on the registration date. Regular skate rental fees apply. A late registration fee in the amount of \$10.00 will be applied to all regis-

trations received after the session registration date. Go to [www.brooklynskating.com](http://www.brooklynskating.com) for more info. Learn to Swim Registration September 10 and 11 from 11am-1pm. Residents \$40.00. September 11—Non-Residents \$55.00. September 11—Parma Hts. Partnership \$47.50. Swim Team Registration—September 10-11 from 11-1pm. Residents \$55.00. September 11—Non-Resident \$80.00. September 11—Parma Hts. Partnership \$67.50.

## Senior-Community Center Events

**Common Threads Quilting Show**—September 24-25.

**Snow Removal Sign-up:** Renewals only on September 26 through October 7, 2011.

**New Applicants:** October 3 through October 7, 2011. Cost for this service is the

same as last year \$40.00. Income guidelines apply for new applicants. More information is in the September edition of the Chit Chat.

**Indoor Garage Sale:** Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 9:00-2:00pm. For any information regarding programs at the

Senior Community Center please call 216-635-4222.



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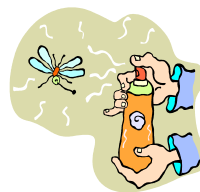


**Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Fall Fest  
to be held at Memphis Kiddie Park!**  
**September 23-25** Live entertainment, food  
vendors, exhibits, games and a beer garden.  
Visit the Chamber website at  
[www.brooklynohiochamber.org](http://www.brooklynohiochamber.org) for more info.  
Thank you sponsors: Parma Community General  
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## CDBG Grant Awarded; Mosquito Prevention Tips

The City of Brooklyn was awarded non-matching funds in the amount of \$93,312 to upgrade the Senior-Community Center restrooms. The project will be to remove existing conditions and barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of the disabled and senior citizens from using the facilities. This will be a huge benefit to the visitors of our center. The City would like to acknowledge the beneficial partnership that exists with the Cuyahoga Department of Development in receiving this grant. Construction is set to begin on 2012.

**The Cuyahoga County Board of Health** has been responding to a high volume



of mosquito complaints and would like to remind you of the following in preventing mosquitoes: Utilizing insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil. Disposing of containers that collect water and eliminating standing water. Emptying and refilling bird baths at least once a week. Cleaning draining and covering

pools or hot tubs if not in use. Unclogging all gutters so they drain properly. Filling tree holes with tar, cement, or expanding foam insulation. Tightly screening/sealing all openings of your home. Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when possible. Keeping children indoors during times of peak mosquito activity, 1 hour before and after sunset. Please contact the Board of Health at 216-201-2000 to report areas of persistent standing water or heavy populations of biting mosquitoes or visit [www.ccbh.net](http://www.ccbh.net)